

**TOPIC: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STATEWIDE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of the statewide transfer articulation agreement for a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to §23-1-108(7), C.R.S., the Commission has authority to establish and enforce "statewide degree transfer agreements" between two-year and four-year state institutions of higher education. Throughout this process, the Commission must consult with the governing boards of institutions and procure signatures of the CEO at each participating institution or system. The Commission, through Department staff, has utilized the General Education (GE) Council to conduct this work. If approved, this proposed agreement will be the fifteenth agreement approved by the Commission, which means the Commission has surpassed the statutory mandate of establishing at least fourteen statewide transfer articulation agreements by July 1, 2016.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Department staff have worked extensively with the GE Council in developing the attached articulation agreement in Criminal Justice. Members of the GE Council meet monthly to discuss transfer articulation in Colorado which includes identifying academic majors that appear suitable for statewide transfer agreements. Faculty representatives have also been involved in this process through the biannual Faculty-to-Faculty conferences where representatives from both the two-year and four-year institutions discuss the acceptable curricular framework for a possible articulation agreement within a certain discipline.

The Chief Academic Officer and campus President/Chancellor of each public institution in the state, that offers an associate's or bachelor's degree in the discipline of Criminal Justice, have signed this agreement. The signatures on this statewide transfer articulation agreement represent, at a minimum, a commitment by the institutions to accept these classes toward a bachelor's degree, assuming successful completion of the prescribed curriculum by the student.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission approve the proposed statewide articulation agreement in Criminal Justice.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

23-1-108. Duties and powers of the commission with regard to system-wide planning.